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# The ELI Weekly

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## Volunteer Day

*Help others while helping yourself!*

This Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our first **Volunteer Day** of the semester. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. Below is a description of the volunteer activities going on this weekend.

We will meet at different times. Students, language assistants, teachers, and staff will meet and head to the different sites.

Please sign up on the Activities Board for your choice of activity by 4pm on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

There is no cost to volunteer. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Help build homes for needy families in Gainesville. Meet at Norman Garage at 7:45am.

**Rabbit Rescue:** Clean rabbit cages, groom rabbits and socialize. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:45am.

**St. Francis House:** Prepare and serve lunch to the homeless people of

Gainesville. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:30am.

**Emeritus:** Talk with elderly people and play fun games. Meet at Norman Garage at 10:00am.

**Project Downtown Gainesville:** Feed the homeless and give back to the community. Meet Downtown at Bo' Diddle Plaza at 12:45pm.

**Ronald McDonald House:** Decorate corkboards outside rooms of families. Meet at Norman Garage at 1:30pm.

Remember to sign up for the volunteer activity of your choice and arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! Please don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Raquel in the CIP Office, Room 318.

Have a great day, everyone!

### The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Islands of Adventure**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Want to go? Get your Islands of Adventure tickets online or at the gate. You must also buy a bus pass from Nate in Norman 318 between 9:00am to 12:30pm starting on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring \$20 in cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID card to buy a pass. The bus passes are **non-refundable** and do NOT include a ticket to Islands of Adventure (which is about \$76.50 plus tax with a Florida ID). Bus passes are first come first serve, so come early before they sell out! We only have room for 48 students.

### Office Etiquette

The ELI Main office is very busy this time of year. Here are some tips to get the best service possible in the office:

- Please do not yell at the office folks. They are there to help you.
- Please arrive, at the latest, 2 minutes early for your appointment. If you are late, you will not be helped, because the person after you will be helped. Remember, it is rude to be late, especially to a meeting *you* requested. Also, have your class schedule in mind when making appointments.

- Please wait in line. You will be helped, even if it takes a little while.
- Please respect everyone. This means being courteous and being on time.

### Daily Activities

Please note that there has been a slight change to the daily activities.

Wednesday 6:30pm	Coffee Talk (Clark)	In front of Starbucks at Library West. Bring money for coffee and food if you like.
Thursday 6:00pm	Shopping at the Oaks Mall (Abigail)	Meet at the Food Court in the mall. Bring money for shopping if you like.

### Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from June 4 to June 10:

- Students:
- June 6: Aufemar Martins
  - June 6: Danyah Rammal
  - June 7: Fahad Aldosari
  - June 7: Yosef Alattas
  - June 9: Amal Abdulrahman
  - June 10: Ricardo Saez Graterol

Staff:  
None this week

Happy Birthday, one and all!

### Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do the American people wear flip-flops a lot?*

A: This one's a classic "Gainesville" question. People all over the US wear a wide variety of shoes. Because we are in Florida and it's very hot, people here tend to wear the most comfortable shoes for the temperature and that happens to be flip-flops and sandals.

### Grammar

*Q: What's a phrasal verb?*

A: Wow, interesting question. A phrasal verb is a verb that adds another word (or words), usually a preposition, that changes the meaning of the action completely. For example, "I dropped him." Contrast that with, "I dropped him off." In the first example, the meaning is very specific...it means that I was carrying him, physically, and I couldn't or wouldn't hold on to him, and I dropped him. In the second case, it means that I was transporting him,

most likely in my car, and I drove him to his house and let him out of the car there.

There's a catch. Students are often looking for a shortcut to understanding them, and there isn't one. The prepositions don't always make sense if you try to isolate them. Each time you change the preposition, you change the meaning entirely—basically, creating a new dictionary word. The only way to master phrasal verbs is to take notice of how they are used and practice, practice, practice, just like you would with any other new vocabulary.

Here are some useful phrasal verbs:

- I need to *make up* the exam that I missed last week.
- Can I *hand in* my essay late?
- *Put away* your cell phones, please!
- I had to *do* my homework *over* because I had too many mistakes.

### Quote of the Week

Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.

*Lucille Ball*



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